

## MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL

CITY OF AUSTIN, TEXAS

Regular Meeting

April 19, 1962  
10:00 A.M.

Council Chamber, City Hall

The meeting was called to order with Mayor Palmer presiding.

Roll call:

Present: Councilmen Armstrong, Perry, Shanks, White, Mayor Palmer  
Absent: None

Present also: W. T. Williams, Jr., City Manager; Doren R. Eskew, City Attorney; Reuben Rountree, Jr., Director of Public Works; Robert A. Miles, Chief of Police

Invocation was delivered by REV. DAVID CLARK, Hyde Park Christian Church.

Bids on Circuit Breakers for the Power Plant were opened and read as follows:

## TABULATION OF BIDS 69 KV OIL CIRCUIT BREAKERS CONTRACT C-77

BIDDERS	ALLIS- CHALMERS	FEDERAL PACIFIC	GENERAL ELECTRIC	WESTINGHOUSE
Bid Bond	Yes	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000
Item I 2-5000 MVA	\$ 42,300	39,600	-	36,200
Item II 3-5000 MVA	64,350	59,400	-	54,900
Item III 7-2500 MVA	68,250	65,065	-	71,050
Item IV Alt. to III 7-3500 MVA	145,950	89,740	-	71,050
Item V Lump Sum Items I, II, III	174,900	153,245	148,500	162,150

Item VI Alt. L. S. Items I, III, IV	\$252,600	\$173,935	\$155,000	\$162,150
ESCALATION	Firm	Firm	Firm	Firm
DRAWINGS	45	45	30	30
DELIVERY	150	120	140	As Specified

The bids were referred to the Electric Department for evaluation and report back to the Council. Later in the meeting, the Council received a report and recommendation from the Director of Electric Utilities, as follows:

"April 19, 1962

"To: Mr. W. T. Williams, Jr., City Manager      Subject: 69 KV Oil Circuit Breakers

"Bids for Contract C-77, 69 KV Oil Circuit Breakers, were received and opened by the Council at 10:00 a.m. this date. Bids were received from Westinghouse Electric Mfg. Co., Allis Chalmers Mfg Co., General Electric Company and Federal Pacific Electric Co. A tabulation of bids is attached.

"We have examined and analyzed the bids and find that all prices were firm, all deliveries were satisfactory and all bids in conformance with the Specifications.

"The Specifications provided for bidding by item and/or lump sum and for alternate bids. Both the lump sum and the alternate lump sum bids submitted by the General Electric Company were lower than any other lump sum bid or combination of bids submitted.

"The alternate bid item in the Specifications was for 3500 MVA Breakers (Item IV) in lieu of 2500 MVA Breakers (Item III).

"Engineering studies of breaker interrupting duty requirements have been made, which indicate that 2500 MVA Breakers will be satisfactory through 1969. Beyond 1969 location and size of future generating units materially affect the interrupting duty of these breakers on our system. At the present time we estimate that the useful life, without exceeding maximum rated duty for 2500 MVA Breakers, will be 10 years. We also estimate at this time that the useful life of a 3500 MVA Breaker will be at least 20 years. For a total sum of \$6,500.00 additional by accepting the alternate bid (Item VI), we can double the useful life on our system of the Breakers purchased at this time.

"I, therefore, recommend that the contract be awarded to the General Electric Company, who submitted the lowest and best bid for Item VI of Contract C-77, at the firm lump sum price of \$155,000.00.

"From: D.C. Kinney, Dir. Elec. Utility  
s/ D. C. Kinney"

Councilman Shanks moved that the contract for these circuit breakers be awarded to GENERAL ELECTRIC COMPANY as recommended. The motion, seconded by

Councilman White, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Armstrong, Perry, Shanks, White, Mayor Palmer  
Noes: None

The Council honored and congratulated COUNCILMAN BEN WHITE on his birthday with former Councilman Hub Bechtol; Dr. D. K. Brace, Chairman of the Parks and Recreation Board; Colonel W. A. Kengla, Director of Civil Defense; Mr. David Barrow, Chairman of the Planning Commission, and others taking part in the ceremony.

MR. DAVID WILSON, Chairman of the Tourism and Recreation Committee of the Chamber of Commerce, submitted the following Resolution for Council Action:

#### RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the sport of organized, controlled automobile racing is growing in popularity throughout the country; and,

WHEREAS, Austin has become a center of activity for this sport; and,

WHEREAS, this sport is drawing numerous spectators to Austin from throughout Central Texas and is an asset to Austin's tourist promotion program; and,

WHEREAS, in recognition of the outstanding personalities involved in this sport in visiting Austin, including the national champion and winner of the Indianapolis "500",

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE AUSTIN CITY COUNCIL that Friday, April 20, be declared A. J. Foyt Day in recognition for his accomplishments in the sport of organized automobile racing.

Councilman Armstrong moved that this Resolution be adopted. The motion, seconded by Councilman Perry, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Armstrong, Perry, Shanks, White, Mayor Palmer  
Noes: None

MR. DAVID BARROW submitted the recommendation of the Lake Development Committee on a name for the lake as LAKE TONKAWA, after an Indian Tribe that lived in this area many years, along the banks of the Colorado and the Barton Springs area. He stated the Committee recommended this name so that the lake would have some historic significance and romantic appeal, and that there was no major natural feature around Austin named for the Indians, even though Central Texas was a favorite place for the Indians. Mr. Ed St. John stated the Committee was unanimous in this recommendation, and that there was a lot of historical background on the Tonkawa Indians in this area. Mr. Barrow submitted the recommendation that the Low Water Dam be named LONGHORN DAM, as its location is the place where the old cattle crossing was pretty well known to have been. The Mayor stated the Council would lay this recommendation over for a while and get the people's reaction.

MRS. G. FELDER THORNHILL, Laguna Gloria, asked that Laguna Gloria be recipients of budgeted funds for a Museum, and listed a minimum amount of \$12,000 for salaries, utilities, upkeep and repairs, and insurance. The money on which they operate the Museum now, coming from membership and special events, will go into permanent improvements, storage place, airconditioning. She gave a resume of the museum, stating in June the Fine Arts Association transferred this Museum to the Austin Chapter, and it is now a city museum. She said special events brought in many people. The treasurer gave a report on the monthly expenditures. Various Board Members listed the types of special events, the activities for both the young and older people, the classes that were taught, and the advantages the Museum could be to the City as a whole. It was brought out during the last nine months, 20,000 people had visited the Museum. MR. JAMIE ODOM pointed out many people were as interested in the activities of this Museum, as others were interested in various recreational activities, and that Austin should support in a small way a museum that would fit in with the cultural background of the city. Mrs. Thornhill summarized the advantages of the Museum to the City. The Mayor thanked the group stating the city of 200,000 has many interests, and the City was participating in many, and he was interested in learning so many children were using this museum. He stated the financial matter would be referred to the City Manager to check into.

DR. JOHN R. RAINEY, JR., 8 Medical Arts Square, represented a group of property owners who had petitioned to have MEDICAL ARTS SQUARE vacated, stating there was no way for them to know where the dedicated street and their private parking area were, and that people were parking there but not for the purpose of visiting any of the physicians. He predicted with the building of the additional 66 unit apartment house, the parking situation in this area would become more acute, as the required parking for apartment houses is not sufficient for the number of cars if the units are rented out to students. He stated this situation was different from an ordinary subdivision, as out of 160,000 square feet in this plot of ground 56,000 had been dedicated as a street, and 62,000 was owned as an undivided interest by the people owning property there; and even though each property owner has an individual plot of ground, the big percentage of ground is jointly owned. Dr. Rainey stated one building site was still undeveloped, but he understood plans were underway for this one plot. He said if the street were vacated, the property owners would control the parking by a gate and an attendant. He asked also that the Doctors have their address on Red River Street when Medical Arts Square became vacated. The City Manager explained the subdivision ordinance, building code, and zoning ordinance, which made provisions that lots must face on streets, and he did not recommend vacating this particular street, as if it were, part of the subdivision ordinance might as well be repealed. He suggested since Medical Arts Square was a loop, it might be possible to rearrange the area with a cul-de-sac design; then an ordinance could be passed prohibiting parking on that street. The Mayor stated the Council would study this with the City Manager and see what could be worked out. The Director of Planning stated there was an outstanding refund contract balance in connection with the subdivision.

MR. LES PHARES distributed copies of GAMEWELL COMPANY for a fire alarm system to the members of the Council, and stated representatives from both Gamewell Company and SOUTHWESTERN BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY were present. He read his letter regarding the costs of both systems--Gamewell quoting an approximate installed price of \$30,000, and estimated cost of maintenance at \$13,000; and

the Bell System proposing \$1,056 installation of 192 boxes on a lease basis, and monthly rental and service at \$3,017.65. His letter recommended that the City install the system offered by the Bell System. After discussing the installations and locations, etc., the Mayor inquired if the reduction in fire insurance rating were a certainty. Mr. Phares stated the Committee would make sure the system was installed correctly. The Fire Marshall stated as the City grew larger and there were more premiums, that the savings would increase. Mayor Palmer inquired if there was a break-down on charges to be taken care of by the State, the Schools, and the University, and asked if this could be studied. He stated the Council would like to have the City Manager, along with Councilman Shanks, meet with the School Officials regarding this matter. He mentioned that the Gamewell representatives might like to be heard at sometime. He thanked the Committee for its long study, and asked that it stay on an alert basis and not dissolve itself.

MISS JANET GILES, teacher at PEARCE JUNIOR SCHOOL, introduced a group and filed a petition for a Branch Library in Northeast Austin, because of the great increase in population in this area and the large number of adults and children who use the facilities; and stating the mobile station was now inadequate. She stated during the last six months 50,000 books had gone through this mobile library. When an annual circulation of 75,000 is reached, a permanent branch library is needed. She stated MR. WALTER BOHN would construct a building and lease it to the City on a long-term basis. The City Manager stated he had under study a communication from the Librarian, MISS RICE, but the study was not complete, and he wanted to discuss this with Miss Rice very soon. He stated generally the library system had grown more rapidly than any other Department of the City, and the activities of the library in book circulation had multiplied several times rather than increasing at the same rate of growth that the population increase had been. He stated he would like to get the matter under further study. Principals and representatives from the schools in this area urged the Council to establish a branch library and pointed out the great need. The Mayor stated the request would certainly be checked into.

MR. CARL HARDIN, JR., asked that his zoning application on West Avenue and 34th, property which he had under contract of purchase within a limited time, be heard by the Planning Commission and notices be sent out on this request, rather than waiting indefinitely on the larger area recommended for area zoning. He did not want his zoning request included in the larger request. After discussion, it was found his application would come up for hearing in May and for hearing before the Council the early part of June. Mr. Hardin stated he had a June 7th dead line.

MR. M. E. MCGEE, 2212 Willow Street, regarding garbage collection and fees, stated the papers had misrepresented his statement. He wanted the Council to go down Canadian to Willow and down Mildred Street.

MR. BOW WILLIAMS stated he had a newspaper clipping that the Southern Union Gas Company's revenue was increased and an increase was made in the dividends, and stated the Company was not in as bad a shape as some of the Citizens of Austin are. He asked before this 16% increase were allowed which would also increase the payments of sales taxes, that the Council investigate the request thoroughly. The

Mayor stated the Council was giving the request careful consideration and was obtaining information every day, and that the Company would have to prove it was entitled to this increase.

The Council recessed until 2:30 P.M.

RECESSED MEETING

2:30 P.M.

At 2:30 P.M. the Council resumed its business.

MR. LARRY HUDSON asked permission to put in a Community Antenna T.V. Distribution system in Austin, stating this industry was a new one, starting 10 years ago, and there were 1300 stations in the United States, 48 being in Texas, and 27 being planned. For Austin, he proposed 10 channels, including Channel 7, three national net-works, an independent station out of Fort Worth, two Educational T-V Stations, (one from the University and one from Dallas). The Company proposed a \$10.00 installation charge, \$5.00 monthly charge. The installation would be a three-quarter million dollar investment, and there would be 90 full-time employees as residents of Austin. He would comply with the city's requirements as to financial references and bond. He proposed a 2% gross income tax to the City and would negotiate for the use of the telephone and electric poles, from \$1.20 to \$1.50. He stated they would not be in competition with the local T.V. as they could work out an arrangement where they could switch their channel. He filed with the City Attorney a copy of an ordinance that had been used elsewhere. Mayor Palmer stated some applications had been pending for several years in Austin. Councilman Shanks stated in view that other applications were on file with definite proposals, it would be wise to take this request and study it and see what the Council intended to do and then decide. Mr. Hudson stated he would send in his comments in a letter to the Council. The Mayor thanked him for his presentation and stated if the Council decided on this type of T-V, it would alert the other companies and see what would be done.

Councilman Armstrong wanted the Resolution commending the grandchild of Councilman Shanks, sent to the child.

Councilman White moved that the Minutes of April 5th with correction noted on page 9, and the Minutes of April 12th with correction noted on page 3, be approved. The motion, seconded by Councilman Perry, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Armstrong, Perry, Shanks, White, Mayor Palmer  
Noes: None

Councilman Shanks moved that the Council at the request of MR. ROBERT SNEED, Attorney, postpone the following zoning hearing, scheduled on April 26th to some later date, as Mr. Sneed had a Court case set at the same time:

JOE J. JOSEPH	1621 West 6th Street	From "B" Residence
By Lindy L. Boyd	507-511 Campbell Street	To "O" Office

The motion, seconded by Councilman White, carried by the following vote:  
Ayes: Councilmen Armstrong, Perry, Shanks, White, Mayor Palmer  
Noes: None

Councilman Armstrong offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

(RESOLUTION)

WHEREAS, Southern Union Gas Company has presented to the City Council, tentative maps or plans showing the proposed construction of its gas mains in the streets in the City of Austin hereafter named, and said maps or plans have been considered by the City Council: therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

THAT Southern Union Gas Company be and the same is hereby permitted to lay and construct its gas mains in and upon the following streets:

- (1) A gas main in AURORA CIRCLE, from Aurora Drive easterly and northerly 356.0 feet; the centerline of which gas main shall be 3.5 feet north of and parallel to the south property line and 3.5 feet west of and parallel to the east property line of said AURORA CIRCLE.

Said gas main described above shall have a cover of not less than  $2\frac{1}{2}$  feet.

- (2) A gas main in EAST 2ND STREET, from a point 78 feet west of Linden Street easterly 42.00 feet; the centerline of which gas main shall be 24.0 feet south of and parallel to the north property line of said EAST 2ND STREET.

Said gas main described above shall have a cover of not less than  $2\frac{1}{2}$  feet.

- (3) A gas main in JONES ROAD, from a point 156 feet east of the east line of Plumas Lane westerly 1,469 feet; the centerline of which gas main shall be 6.5 feet north of and parallel to the south property line of said JONES ROAD.

Said gas main described above shall have a cover of not less than  $2\frac{1}{2}$  feet.

- (4) A gas main in PLUMAS LANE, from a point 6.5 feet north of the south line of Jones Road southerly 3.0 feet; the centerline of which gas main shall be 6.5 feet west of and parallel to the east property line of said PLUMAS LANE.

Said gas main described above shall have a cover of not less than  $2\frac{1}{2}$  feet.

- (5) A gas main in WOODGREEN COVE, from Jones Road southerly and westerly 382 feet; the centerline of which gas main shall be 6.5 feet west of and parallel to the east property line and 6.5 feet north of and parallel to the south property line of said WOODGREEN COVE.

Said gas main described above shall have a cover of not less than  $2\frac{1}{2}$  feet.

- (6) A gas main in PERIWINKLE PASS, from Jones Road southerly 396 feet; the centerline of which gas main shall be 6.5 feet west of and parallel to the east property line of said PERIWINKLE PASS.

Said gas main described above shall have a cover of not less than  $2\frac{1}{2}$  feet.

- (7) A gas main in BUFFALO PASS, from Jones Road southerly 455 feet; the centerline of which gas main shall be 6.5 feet west of and parallel to the east property line of said BUFFALO PASS.

Said gas main described above shall have a cover of not less than  $2\frac{1}{2}$  feet.

THE Southern Union Gas Company is hereby put upon notice that the City of Austin does not guarantee that the space assigned above is clear from other underground utilities, but is based upon the best records we have at hand, and that the minimum depth stated does not have any reference to the fact that greater depths may not be required at special points. When the Southern Union Gas Company requires definite information upon the ground as to elevations or working points from which to base the location of their assignments, they shall apply to the Department of Public Works not less than three (3) days before such information is required. The Southern Union Gas Company is further put upon notice that they will be required to bear the expense of repairs or replacement of any underground utility damaged during the construction of lines named in this resolution.

AND THAT whenever pavement is cut in the vicinity of a fire plug, water must be used at intervals during the course of backfilling of the ditches.

THAT the work and laying of said gas mains, including the excavation in the streets, and the restoration and maintenance of said streets after said mains have been laid, shall be under the supervision and direction of the City Manager and under all the pertinent terms and conditions of the certain franchises granted to said company by the City of Austin.

The motion, seconded by Councilman White, carried by the following vote:  
Ayes: Councilmen Armstrong, Perry, Shanks, White, Mayor Palmer  
Noes: None

Councilman Shanks offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

(RESOLUTION)

WHEREAS, there has been submitted to the Building Inspector, the application of A. E. Greeven (Jessen Jessen Millhouse & Greeven) for a building permit together with a site plan dated April 19, 1962 meeting the requirements of Section 10-B, 3 of the Zoning Ordinance of the City, for certain building establishment at 501 East 12th Street, more particularly described in said application; and,

WHEREAS, it has been found and determined by the City Council of the City of Austin that, based upon the use of the premises for the purpose of Apartment Hotel & Office Building the maximum number of parking spaces which will probably be used by employees and customers of such establishment, taking into account the loading facilities on the site, the public parking areas and street space available for parking in the vicinity, public safety, and free circulation of traffic both on and off the site, is Twenty Eight parking spaces; Now, Therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

That Twenty Eight (28) spaces is an adequate number of parking spaces for the establishment shown on the site plan of A. E. Greeven (Jessen Jessen Millhouse & Greeven) dated April 19, 1962, for use of the premises for the purpose of Apartment Hotel & Office Building.

The motion, seconded by Councilman White, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Armstrong, Perry, Shanks, White, Mayor Palmer

Noes: None

Mayor Palmer introduced the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THAT CERTAIN ORDINANCE ENTITLED: "AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A RETIREMENT AND PENSIONING SYSTEM FOR CERTAIN EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN, PURSUANT TO AUTHORITY GRANTED THE CITY COUNCIL UNDER SECTION 52, OF ARTICLE XIV, OF THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN; CREATING A RETIREMENT BOARD TO ADMINISTER AND OPERATE THE RETIREMENT AND PENSIONING SYSTEM AND DEFINING ITS POWERS, DUTIES AND FUNCTION; PROVIDING A METHOD OF FINANCING THE SYSTEM; REPEALING ALL LAWS OR PARTS OF LAWS IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY AND SAVING CLAUSE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY" AS PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL ON OCTOBER 10, 1940 AND AS AMENDED FROM TIME TO TIME THEREAFTER BY AMENDING SECTION 1(a) OF ARTICLE IX THEREOF PERTAINING TO INVESTMENTS OF FUNDS; REPEALING ALL LAWS OR PARTS OF LAWS IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY AND SAVING CLAUSE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

The ordinance was read the first time and Councilman Shanks moved that the rule be suspended and the ordinance passed to its second reading. The motion, seconded by Councilman White, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Armstrong, Perry, Shanks, White, Mayor Palmer  
Noes: None

The ordinance was read the second time and Councilman Shanks moved that the rule be suspended and the ordinance passed to its third reading. The motion, seconded by Councilman White, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Armstrong, Perry, Shanks, White, Mayor Palmer  
Noes: None

The ordinance was read the third time and Councilman Shanks moved that the ordinance be finally passed. The motion, seconded by Councilman White, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Armstrong, Perry, Shanks, White, Mayor Palmer  
Noes: None

The Mayor announced that the ordinance had been finally passed.

Councilman Shanks introduced the following ordinance and moved that it be published in accordance with Article 1, Section 6 of the Charter of the City of Austin:

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE EXTENSION OF CERTAIN BOUNDARY LIMITS OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN AND THE ANNEXATION OF CERTAIN ADDITIONAL TERRITORY CONSISTING OF 16.30 ACRES OF LAND, MORE OR LESS, SAME BEING OUT OF AND A PART OF THE HENRY P. HILL SURVEY NO. 21 IN TRAVIS COUNTY, TEXAS; WHICH SAID ADDITIONAL TERRITORY LIES ADJACENT TO AND ADJOINS THE PRESENT BOUNDARY LIMITS OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN, IN PARTICULARS STATED IN THE ORDINANCE.  
(Barton Hills, Sec. 5)

The motion, seconded by Councilman White, carried by the following vote:  
Ayes: Councilmen Armstrong, Perry, Shanks, White, Mayor Palmer  
Noes: None

The ordinance was read the first time and Councilman Shanks moved that the ordinance be passed to its second reading. The motion, seconded by Councilman White, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Armstrong, Perry, Shanks, White, Mayor Palmer  
Noes: None

Councilman Armstrong inquired about the drainage problem on Perry Lane that was reported by MR. OLIVER BRUCK. The Director of Public Works stated it had been found that the pipe under Perry Lane would carry the water.

Councilman Armstrong made inquiry about the next bids' being opened at the Council meeting. The Mayor stated when this was discussed, it had been suggested that a check be made of the amount of time consumed, and just what items the Council was most interested in opening in the meeting. The City Manager stated on items over \$1,000, bid openings and the reading of the bids took over five hours. This does not include tabulating, evaluating and awarding

of the bids. Councilman Armstrong suggested that the Council open the next automobile bids at the Council Meeting, as it was good will to the buyers and to the bidders and to the interest of the people. The matter was discussed at length, and details of the bidding, the decisions to be made on whether or not specifications were met, and the time necessary to hear arguments from the various bidders, were discussed. The Mayor announced that the bids on automobiles could be opened at 10:00 A.M. May 3rd, and the bidders could be sent this information by registered mail. Councilman Shanks moved that the City Manager notify the bidders by registered mail that these bids will be opened at 10:00 A.M., May 3, 1962, in the Council Chamber. The motion, seconded by Councilman Armstrong, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Armstrong, Shanks, White, Mayor Palmer

Noes: None

Not in Council Room when roll was called: Councilman Perry

Councilman White stated this was for this one time, that he would go on this one time, but would not say he was for it.

Councilman Armstrong submitted the complaint of MR. EICHENBAUM that the Missouri Pacific Railroad had a lot of rocks and unfinished business, all causing dust and there had been some wrecks in the area on West 4th Street. In the 100 block they have sprayed or paved. The men in the 200 block think the Railroad considers leaving the condition as is because they are finished in the 100 block. The Director of Public Works reported the Railroad had a contract with PAT CANION to pave 4th Street where they are replacing the tracks. The Mayor asked that Guadalupe be finished before the over-lay is placed on it.

Councilman Armstrong reported a complaint from MRS. BOB CALVERT, 2115 Enfield Road, concerning the parking problem, and he asked if this had been referred to the proper parties.

Councilman Shanks submitted a letter from DONALD E. HILLERY, Underwood Corporation, proposing to the City Council that a registration system be established, whereby a salesman can, by paying a flat yearly fee, obtain a permit for meter parking during the hours of 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M., Monday through Friday, stating the control of such a program could be maintained by requiring certification by the salesman's company as to his status, and identification of the cars with these permits could be controlled by use of windshield stickers. The Council received the proposal.

Councilman Armstrong inquired about the cleaning of the property at 3403 and 3405 Owen Avenue, as submitted by Mrs. Gibson. The Assistant City Manager stated the Health Department said the property owner, Mrs. Patterson, had been given 14 days' notice to clean the property, and a letter was written to the lady making the request, letting her know of the action taken.

Councilman Shanks asked about the policy regarding water deposits, stating MRS. HOWARD G. SCOTT, Stamford Lane, was putting up a deposit and was asked how many air conditioners, etc., she had; and Mrs. Scott was then told to put up a \$50.00 deposit. He inquired why they did not use credit references. The Mayor stated this policy had been established, and the amount of deposit was based on

approximate consumption that would be used with a certain number of units; in this case the average bill would be \$50.00 a month.

The Mayor read a letter addressed to The Honorable Homer Thornberry, from the Chamber of Commerce, as follows:

"April 18, 1962

"The Honorable Homer Thornberry  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D. C.

"Dear Congressman Thornberry:

"As a result of the efforts put forth by Vice President and Mrs. Johnson in the early Forties, Bergstrom Air Force Base became a major part of Austin's economy. It still remains as one of our major payrolls.

"Austin and Bergstrom have lived in remarkable harmony over the last nineteen years and we can assure you this relationship will continue.

"This letter is written because of the possibility that the strategic missile program may eventually replace manned bombers. This could mean that Bergstrom would become excess to military requirements and the many years of cooperative effort and understanding between Austin and the Base would be lost.

"For this reason, we would like to plan ahead in considering a future mission for Bergstrom. Most logically, this would be in the missile program. We are advised that the Minute Man is the most logical weapon in the program suitable to the Austin-Bergstrom area.

"In studying all of the data available to us, we submit the following conclusions:

- "a. The geology in this area is considered excellent to support hardened remote sites.
- "b. Bergstrom officials have informed us that to the best of their knowledge the base has adequate facilities and real estate to support a continuing mission in the missile program in addition to their present bomber mission.
- "c. The City of Austin would be happy to support the procurement of range sites in any possible way. Our community relations with the Air Force and Bergstrom are excellent and we will continue to welcome any additional military programs.
- "d. The road networks and transportation systems are most adequate and would provide economic access to any area around Austin.
- "e. Austin has a sufficiency of commercial power to support this activity.
- "f. Commuting from Austin to any surrounding area would provide no problem. Housing is abundant.

"g. The climatology in this area is ideal from a construction stand-point, and the overall cost of developing missile facilities and sites should be as economic as in any area in the United States.

"Although Austin is a little farther south than most existing missile bases, we believe that with the normal technological improvements, the Minute Man's range will increase to provide target coverage comparable to the sites at Abilene, Texas, and Altus, Oklahoma.

"We eagerly solicit your counsel and support in bringing these facts to the attention of the Department of Defense. You can be assured of Austin's desire and capability in supporting a strategic missile program.

"Yours very truly,  
Charles D. Nash, President"

Councilman Armstrong moved that the Mayor write a letter to Congressman Thornberry indicating that the Council endorses this program of the Chamber of Commerce; that it is in full accord with the statements and wants to see to it that Bergstrom is kept permanently. The motion, seconded by Councilman Shanks, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Armstrong, Perry, Shanks, White, Mayor Palmer  
Noes: None

The City Manager stated that inquiry was made as to when MR. ZACHRY would begin work on the new unit of the Power Plant. He had two reports, the first dated April 16th, stating necessary arrangements were being made to start, and that warehouses were being moved on the new sites, and listed materials that were on hand; and the other dated April 17th giving a further report. He stated work had begun, and he would get a daily report.

The City Manager gave a report on recommendation of the Construction Engineer, Mr. Eldridge, as to refinishing the exterior of the Municipal Building, as follows:

"April 18, 1962

"TO: W. T. Williams, Jr.  
City Manager

"FROM: A. M. Eldridge, Supervising Engineer  
Construction Engineering Division

"RE: Re-finishing Exterior of Municipal Building

"As requested recently, we are listing herein our estimate for Re-finishing the Exterior of the Municipal Building.

"Cleaning, fungicide rinse, pointing of joints as necessary, and silicone water-proofing	\$5,600.00
"Re-puttying of windows as required, caulking, and painting of all metal work and thiokol caulking of coping stone	\$3,000.00
TOTAL	<u>\$8,600.00</u>

"The cleaning of this building has been discussed with two companies specializing in this field and we have obtained sample specifications used on government buildings. The growth which causes the discoloration often extends back into the stone as much as 3/8". It would be very undesirable to try to remove any considerable thickness of stone in order to reach the intermost parts of the growth. Therefore, we are advised to use sand blasting as a last resort. Sand blasting would also create additional problems with regard to re-pointing the joints of the building.

"One recommended process involves scrubbing with power driven, rotating fiber brushes and suitable cleaning materials. Another process uses steam with proper cleaning materials. A third cleaning process is the high pressure water spray. We plan to provide for sand blasting as necessary where none of the other methods are completely satisfactory.

"The above estimate includes replacing approximately one-half the existing putty, re-caulking all caulked joints, and painting of all metal work including entrance doors, canopy, ornamental iron, and hand rails at entrance.

"This estimate for treatment of the building also includes the stone walls facing on 8th and on Colorado.

"If it is desired to re-finish the wall around the parking area adjacent to the building, we estimate that this could be done for approximately \$400.00.

"We are advised that the Municipal Building can probably be cleaned with more success than was experienced with the treatment of the Federal Building across the street.

"We will be glad to proceed with the writing of specifications and obtaining proposals when we are authorized to do so.

"s/ A. M. Eldridge"

Mayor Palmer asked that Mr. Eldridge explore these recommendations a little further. The City Manager stated he would ask him to come in with the specifications he proposed. Councilman Shanks suggested that the wall around the parking area be included.

The City Manager read a recommendation from the Director of Recreation regarding the request of L. J. BURKS, Chairman of the Civitan Club's promotion of the Ladies Professional Golf Association Tournament to be held at the Municipal Golf Course, June 7-10, to sell beer, as follows:

"April 18, 1962

"To: Mr. W. T. Williams, Jr., City Manager      Subject: Civitan Golf Tournament

"Attached is a request from L. J. Burks, Chairman of the Civitan Club's promotion of the Ladies Professional Golf Association Tournament, which will be held at the Municipal Golf Course June 7-10, 1962. As you can see, he requests permission for selling beer on the course.

"I have told Mr. Burks that the concession sales at the Golf Clubhouse and on the number 1 and 10 tees is restricted to the City's concessionaire.

However, I have told him that the Civitan Club can set up concessions at number 3 tee and number 14 tee. If the City grants them permission to sell beer during this tournament I would say the sale should be limited to the hours that the tournament is in progress and cut off immediately after the tournament play ends each day. I'm also requiring the Civitan Club to police the golf course for litter left from the concession operation. Another restriction that I would place on the beer is that it be sold in paper cups.

"I really do not have a strong recommendation to make concerning this request except that I hope the tournament succeeds. Knowing that Austin is such a poor town for this type of promotion and realizing how much the Civitan Club will lose in the event the tournament fails, I am inclined to be in favor of granting them permission to sell beer.

"I do not feel that the permission to sell beer on any concession should be granted to other groups putting on a golf tournament. I would restrict this to professional tournaments where a fee has to be charged to spectators in order to produce the tournament.

"From: AUSTIN RECREATION DEPARTMENT  
Signed Beverly"

Mayor Palmer inquired about the sale of beer on this particular tract. Councilman White moved that the Council grant the request subject to clearance with the University. The motion, seconded by Councilman Shanks, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Armstrong, Perry, Shanks, White, Mayor Palmer  
Noes: None

The City Manager described a shop building needed at Filter Plant No. 1, as a 30x80x14' steel building which is needed to store spare parts and equipment. He suggested that the Council look at the proposed location, which location is hidden from view from the Auditorium. The Council decided to look at the area on the ground. The Mayor stated the Parks and Recreation Board would ask for a brick wall to screen off the intake, and he thought that might have some merit.

Mayor Palmer brought up for consideration the renovating of the Rathskellar at the Auditorium, stating it could be made into a most attractive addition, and that it was being used extensively. He asked if the City Manager would get some estimates on decorating and carrying out the Rathskellar motif. Councilman Shanks stated it was quite an asset to the City. The Council decided to make an inspection next Thursday.

The Director of Public Works explained the contract with MR. BRINKLEY for a sanitary-fill, the contract being on a year to year basis for \$150.00 annual rental. Mr. Brinkley asked that the price be raised to \$300 per year. Mr. Brinkley finally agreed on a three-year contract for \$500.00 per year. Councilman Shanks moved that the Council accept the contract as agreed upon. The motion, seconded by Councilman Armstrong, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Armstrong, Perry, Shanks, White, Mayor Palmer  
Noes: None

The City Manager stated the City had some property on West 10th and east of Shoal Creek. The City Attorney drew a sketch on the board of the lot needed, which would give the City property frontage on West 10th Street. After discussion, Councilman Armstrong moved that the City Manager be authorized to purchase the property from A. L. Lytle, (Lot 11, O/L 3, Div. E, Bahn's Subdivision) at the price stated. The motion, seconded by Councilman Shanks, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Armstrong, Perry, Shanks, White, Mayor Palmer  
Noes: None

Councilman Armstrong inquired about requiring the property-owner, Mr. Pruett, to remove the fill in Shoal Creek. The City Manager stated there was a State law providing that no person shall fill a creek or do anything that would affect the natural flow of water to damage other people's property. If someone gets damaged, they can sue the owners and collect. Councilman Shanks asked that the matter be called to the property owners' attention.

Councilman Shanks commended the Assistant City Manager, MR. JIM WILSON, in the manner he handled a complaint from a group from the Boggy Creek area-- Mrs. Cantu and Mr. Roy Velasquez.

The Assistant City Manager read a letter from F. W. VICKERS, Manager of the Auditorium, regarding the installation of "Dancing Waters", as follows:

"April 16, 1962

"To: Mr. James A. Wilson, City Manager's Office      Subject: Dancing Waters

"I wrote Mr. Sam Shayon, General Manager of Dancing Waters, regarding the possibilities of the installation of this attraction in the vicinity of the Auditorium. Mr. Shayon called us long-distance, Friday, April 13, and gave us the following information:

"Up until this time there has never been a unit of Dancing Waters, as it was presented on our stage on two different occasions, sold outright. Their only arrangements have been on a rental basis. They would be happy to enter into an agreement on a rental basis over a long period of time at \$500.00 per week, plus the cost of the operator. Mr. Shayon also suggests that their skilled operator could train a local man in one month's time and then this cost could be considerably reduced (operator's salary).

"In the event the City would prefer to buy a unit, special arrangements would have to be made with the inventor and Mr. Shayon estimated the cost would be between \$60,000.00 and \$70,000.00. Here again, we would have the cost of an operator to manually control the many changes in music and formations.

"A third possibility is that the Dancing Waters people could build

an automatic version of the famed water attraction. This version would not have as numerous changes in formations and the music would be the same night after night. I am sure you can appreciate that the flexibility of this automatic version would not compare to that which is manually controlled. A unit of this type was built and installed at 'Texas Under Six Flags'. Mr. Shayon suggests that a committee might like to visit and observe this installation. He hesitated to quote a figure because he was not familiar with the location, the size unit, or the variety desired, but finally estimated the cost to be in the neighborhood of \$40,000.00

"I hope this gives you enough information to report back to the Parks and Recreation Board.

"From: Municipal Auditorium & Convention Center  
Signed: F. W. Vickers"

The Mayor suggested that the Council consider this a little later.

The Assistant City Manager made a report on requests of the merchants in connection with this parking on Saturday afternoons, asking that the Council, instead of requiring that the meters be hooded, approve a sign to be fixed to the meter with the wording, "Park free Saturday afternoon. Courtesy of City of Austin". He stated the Chief of Police, Traffic Engineer, and City Attorney objected to the wording, the City Attorney stating there was a legal problem present. The Mayor suggested that right now, the group be told that the way the sign is worded, the legal implications and the cost, the Council prefers to leave the matter as is. MR. WILSON stated the group had some other suggestions, but after discussing them, the group felt they would be impracticable. CHIEF MILES asked if estimates for the plates for the meters could be obtained, if the Saturday afternoon parking meter arrangement is to be permanent. The Mayor suggested getting the prices to have these meter plates changed.

Councilman Shanks moved that the TRAVIS COUNTY SHERIFFS' POSSEE be granted permission to have its parade on June 27th at 3:00 P.M. The motion, seconded by Councilman White, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Armstrong, Perry, Shanks, White, Mayor Palmer  
Noes: None

Councilman White moved that ROY VELASQUEZ be granted permission to have a dance in the Coliseum, April 29th, as requested by him for the LULAC. The motion, seconded by Councilman Shanks, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Armstrong, Perry, Shanks, White, Mayor Palmer  
Noes: None

The Assistant City Manager stated the Chamber of Commerce had requested that the city print about 200,000 copies of the little mailers, so that when conventions are scheduled in the Auditorium that these mailers be sent to the

Chamber of Commerce to send out with the hopes of increasing the attendance during the conventions. It would be necessary for the City to contract this printing out and the two quotations received were \$1,248 and \$1,933. Councilman Armstrong suggested that the Chamber of Commerce get a sponsor for this printing. The Assistant City Manager stated there was nothing set up in the budget for this. Councilman White stated he would like to be very hesitant on that. The City Manager pointed out these mailers would not increase the revenue of the Auditorium, but the more people that came to these conventions, the better chance there would be of getting those conventions back. Councilman Shanks moved to go ahead and print these. The motion, seconded by Councilman Armstrong, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Armstrong, Perry, Shanks, Mayor Palmer  
Noes: Councilman White

The City Manager stated Mrs. Granberry was interested in the city's policy of annexation before she gave an easement for the South Austin Out Fall Sewer line. The City Attorney read a letter setting out this policy. (read in file)

The Director of Planning stated there was another proposed change in the Development Plan, on the northwest side affecting an industrial area. This area is just to the north of the Balcones Research, and is a residential subdivision between FM Road 1325 and the Llano Branch Railroad crossing. The Commission has sent this to the Council without recommendation to permit it and amend the plan. He stated Mr. Oscar Holmes was the engineer. The Council wanted to make an inspection on the ground. The Mayor suggested May 3rd as the time to hear this.

The Mayor read a letter from MR. and MRS. M. F. BERRY, Rockdale, Texas, commending the employees at the Municipal Airport for their help on April 6th, and expressed thanks to the City for having such wonderful personnel at the Airport.

The Mayor stated MR. T. H. LOCKHART had complained about candidates' placing their signs all over the city on city property. The Chief of Police made a report, stating they were taking them down.

The Mayor read a letter from the Ambassador from Switzerland, A. R. LINDT, expressing thanks for the generous hospitality which the authorities of Austin extended to him and MINISTER FREY, and CONSUL SPARGNAPANI, during their visit to Austin on March 22; and thanked the Chief of Police for his kindnesses.

The Mayor had a request from the Chamber of Commerce asking that the City of Austin participate a certain amount annually for promoting the City. The Mayor asked the City Manager and City Attorney to see whether or not this could be done legally. The Council discussed the matter, as to who made the study; who set the stated amount; that the Chamber of Commerce would furnish office space and equipment; and the ability of cities to advertise. The Mayor stated since the Chamber of Commerce needed this personnel now, would the City Manager check to see if the City could participate legally?

The City Manager submitted the following:

"April 2, 1962

"TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

SUBJECT: Bids for 55 foot working height aerial lift - Electric Distribution

"Sealed bids were opened at 2:00 P.M. March 6, 1962 in the office of the Purchasing Agent for subject apparatus.

"DESCRIPTION - This equipment is a truck-mounted hydraulic aerial platform with double buckets for two-man operation.

"PURPOSE - This aerial equipment is designed to lift two men up to a working height of 55 feet, thus allowing the linemen to perform their duties from this elevated position.

"ADVANTAGES - The use of the hydraulic aerial lift will result in a considerable saving in manhours and money. The following is a tabulation of these advantages:

- a. In the air splicing of transmission and distribution circuits that would have to be lowered to the ground for splicing if an aerial device is not available.
- b. Replacing of defective insulators.
- c. Work structures that would normally be very difficult to work due to the proximity of energized high voltage lines and equipment.
- d. More efficient and safer hot line work with hot sticks.
- e. Making repairs on the conductor, midspan or pole.
- f. Setting and removing transformers.
- g. Installing and removing arrestors, cutouts, etc.
- h. Greater safety for the linemen since the mast and buckets are insulated from ground, and in many complicated jobs it is possible to get in a much better working position from the aerial lift than from the pole.
- i. Using linemen who are no longer able to climb but are capable of performing the work, thus benefiting from their longtime experience.
- j. Reduction in the manhours required to do the job because the rigging time and covering up time will be considerably reduced.

"USE - This equipment is being purchased at this time for use as a roving unit. One lineman will be assigned to the unit and this lineman will also serve as the truck driver of the aerial lift. The unit will be dispatched to a particular crew where, by the use of this equipment, the job can be done safer and cheaper. The remaining lineman will be furnished from the crew to which the unit is assigned. The aerial lift will be used for performing various jobs in transmission, distribution and substations.

"ECONOMICS - The equipment was estimated by Electric Distribution to cost approximately \$25,000.00 including the cab and chassis. Since there is no previous experience to base a savings on, it would be hard at this time to indicate an exact savings that may result from the use of this equipment; but other utilities which have units such as this indicate that in most cases the use of the aerial lifts result in a 50% reduction in manhours on jobs where the unit is utilized. It is conservatively estimated that the unit should pay for itself in approximately three years.

"Bids were sent to all known manufacturers or their representatives of this type of equipment. These were:

1. Commercial Body Company
2. Graybar Electric Company
3. Holan Body Company
4. Utility Equipment Company
5. Asplundh Chipper Company
6. A. B. Chance Company

"Only three bids received, the Asplundh Company stating that their equipment does not reach the required height. The Chance and Pittman are the same and is represented by Utility Equipment Company.

"The following is a tabulation of quotations received:

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| 1. Utility Equipment Company                                 |  |             |
| (a) Aerial lift and body (45')                               |  | \$11,556.81 |
| (b) Alternate including 25,000 GVW chassis                   |  | \$16,285.62 |
| 2. Holan Corporation   |  |             |
| (a) Aerial lift and body                                     |  | \$21,849.89 |
| (b) Alternate including 25,000 GVW chassis<br>(demonstrator) |  | \$18,000.00 |
| 3. Commercial Body Corporation                               |  |             |
| (a) Aerial lift and body                                     |  | \$12,278.70 |
| (b) Alternate including 25,000 GVW chassis                   |  | \$17,068.00 |
| (c) Alternate including 19,500 GVW chassis                   |  | \$15,722.00 |

"The equipment from Utility Equipment Company is not in accordance with our specifications since it is only a 45 foot ground-to-platform height, specifications called for 55 foot. We recommend that the quotation from Utility Equipment Company be rejected.

"The equipment from Holan Corporation and Commercial Body Corporation are in accordance with our specifications.

"RECOMMENDATION: Commercial Body Corporation is lowest bid meeting the City's specifications.

"The aerial lift manufacturer recommends a 19,500 GVW cab and chassis to be of sufficient capacity to insure the lift's stability under all operating conditions, and our examination of the demonstrator unit indicates the same to be true. Commercial Body Corporation's Alternate Bid Number 2 contains all the special features asked for in the 25,000 GVW cab and chassis except that the cab and chassis has a gross rating of 19,500 GVW. We recommend that Commercial Body Corporation's Alternate Bid Number 2 for \$15,722.00 for an aerial lift and body and 19,500 GVW cab and chassis be accepted.

"W. T. Williams, Jr., City Manager"

Councilman Armstrong offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

(RESOLUTION)

WHEREAS, bids were received by the City of Austin on March 6, 1962, for the purchase of one 55 foot working height aerial lift, to be used by the Electric Distribution Department of the City of Austin; and,

WHEREAS, the bid of Commercial Body Corporation, in the sum of \$15,722.00 for an aerial lift and body and 19,500 GW cab and chassis, was the lowest and best bid therefor; and the acceptance of such bid has been recommended by the Purchasing Agent of the City of Austin and by the City Manager; Now, Therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

That the bid of Commercial Body Corporation, in the sum of \$15,722.00 for an aerial lift and body and 19,500 GW cab and chassis, be and the same is hereby accepted, and W. T. Williams, Jr., City Manager of the City of Austin, be and he is hereby authorized to execute a contract on behalf of the City with Commercial Body Corporation.

The motion, seconded by Councilman Shanks, carried by the following vote:  
Ayes: Councilmen Armstrong, Perry, Shanks, White, Mayor Palmer  
Noes: None

The Council received notice from the City Manager that the following zoning applications had been referred to the Planning Commission and set for public hearing before the City Council on May 24, 1962:

NASH PHILLIPS By The Marvin Turner Engineers, Inc.	2213 East 51st Street 5022-5026 Manor Road	From "A" Residence To "B" Residence
J. G. HOLLOWAY, JR., and VIDA HOLLOWAY	2415-2417 (2413) Enfield Road 1409-1415 Possum Trot	From "A" Residence To "B" Residence
MRS. OTIS VAUGHAN JOE F. MOKRY By J. Malcolm Robinson	3401 Glenview 1600-1606 West 34th Street 3400 Kerbey Lane	From "A" Residence To "O" Office
P. E. WORSHAM	1120 East 52nd Street	From "Q" Office To "C" Commercial
TWELFTH & NECHES, INC. Herman Blum, Pres.	1107-1111 Neches Street 501-505 East 12th Street	From "O" Office To "C" Commercial
W. H. BULLARD By Dan Priest	1130 Airport Boulevard 3609 Goodwin Avenue	From "C" Commercial To "C-1" Commercial
J. J. VARDEN By Roger S. Hanks	305 (307) East 30th Street 2911-2915 San Jacinto	From "B" Residence To "LR" Local Retail

LEON MALKIN, ET AL	2817-2821 Rio Grande	From "A" Residence 1st Height & Area To "B" Residence 2nd Height & Area
ST. JOHN'S CORP., By The Marvin Turner Engineers, Inc.	Rear of 5904-6600 Airport Boulevard Rear of 6201-6509 Chester- field Avenue Rear of 100-306 E. and 100-302 W. Skyview Road	From "A" Residence To "DL" Light Indus- trial
TOM MOSES ATTAL	8217-8241 Burnet Road 2801-2815 Ohlen Road 8216-8218 Bowling Green	From "A" Residence 1st Height & Area To "C" Commercial 6th Height & Area
G. C. CARLIN, Owner Lawrence Hernandez, Lessee	2806 Webberville Road 700-704 Wayne Street	From "C" Commercial To "C-1" Commercial
HENRY G. SANDERS By Byron Fullerton	4136 East 12th Street	From "IR" Local Retail To "C-1" Commercial
SAM ROBINSON By Robert O. Smith	8418-8546 Burnet Road	From "A" Residence To "C" Commercial
DR. WALTER K. LONG By Wallace A. McLean	1101-1105 West 24th Street 2306-2310 Leon Street	From "A" Residence & "O" Office 1st Height and Area To "O" Office 2nd Height and Area
MRS. NETTIE AVERY BLACK By E. Ahlgrimm	805-807 West 34th Street	From "A" Residence To "O" Office
N. J. WONSLEY, Owner Clifton S. Winstead, Purchaser By Trueman O'Quinn	501-509 Wonsley Drive	From "A" Residence 1st Height and Area To "B" Residence 2nd Height and Area

There being no further business, Councilman Perry moved that the Council adjourn. The motion, seconded by Councilman Armstrong, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Armstrong, Perry, Shanks, White, Mayor Palmer  
Noes: None

The Council adjourned at 6:20 P.M. subject to the call of the Mayor.

APPROVED

Lucretia E. Palmer  
Mayor

ATTEST:

Elin Hoosley  
City Clerk